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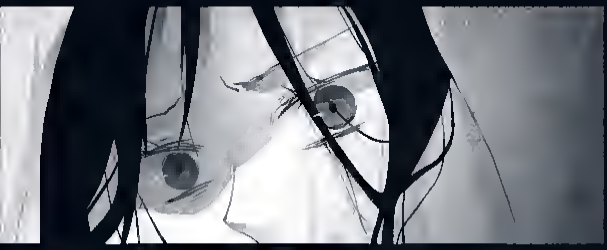
THE VAULT OF HORROR:
A COLLECTION OF NIGHTMARES

AT OUR HOUSE

STORY/ART BY SALBY

AFTER DATING EACH OTHER FOR
A LONG TIME IN THE SAME COMPANY
HE FINALLY PROPOSED TO ME
LAST MONTH AND
WE GOT ENGAGED.

IT FELT LIKE A DREAM.



I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING INSANE.

AT OUR HOUSE.
THERE'S ONLY MY HUSBAND AND I.
BUT I KEEP HEARING THIS
STRANGE SOUND.

IN THE OFFICE, HE WAS THE MOST HANDSOME, KIND AND POPULAR GUY- I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAPPEN

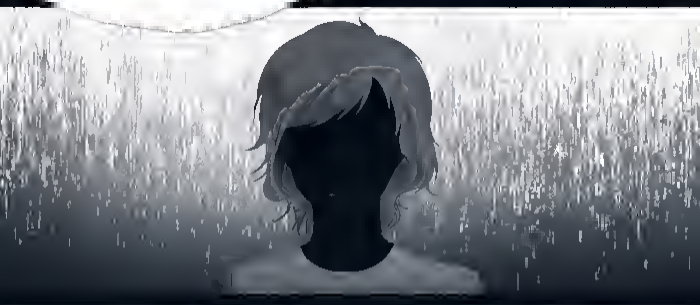
AND NOW HE'S GOING TO BE MY HUSBAND!!

BUT SINCE THINGS NEVER GO QUITE AS YOU EXPECT THEM TO.

PROBLEMS STARTED TO OCCUR SHORTLY AFTER THAT.

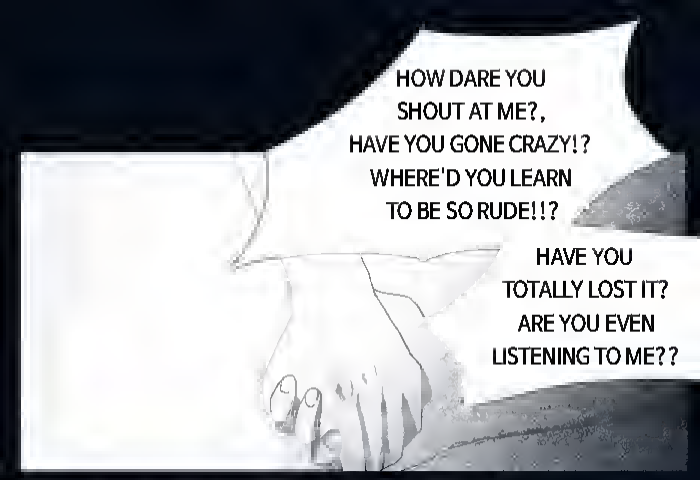
I BROUGHT HIM TO MY HOUSE SO HE COULD MEET MY MOM..

GET MARRIED?



BUT MY MOM GAVE ME A STERN LOOK FOR A MINUTE, AND THEN FIERCELY OPPOSED THE MARRIAGE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!? WE WANT TO BE TOGETHER!!
SHOUT!
I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND MY MOM.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, I'M GONNA MARRY HIM!!


HOW DARE YOU SHOUT AT ME?, HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY!? WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO BE SO RUDE!!?
HAVE YOU TOTALLY LOST IT? ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME??

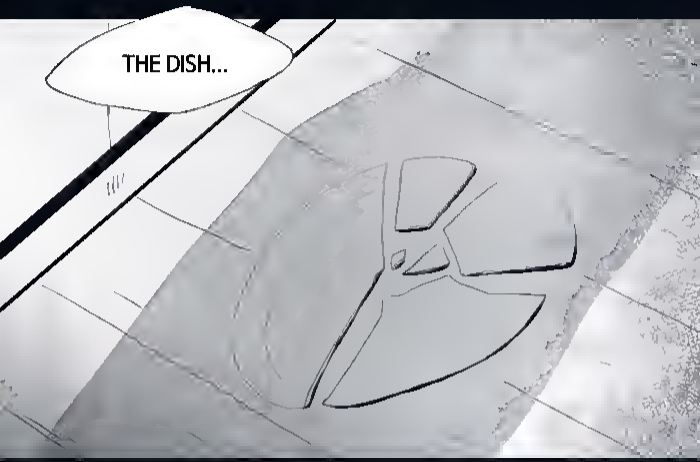
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED, SHE REFUSED TO CHANGE HER MIND.

SO WE JUST HAD THE WEDDING CEREMONY FOR THE TWO OF US, AND THEN BOUGHT A CHEAP PLACE WAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE AROUND.

BUT NOT LONG AFTER..

CLANG!!

THUMP
?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM? NOTHING. DID YOU JUST KNOCK SOMETHING OVER?
NO..

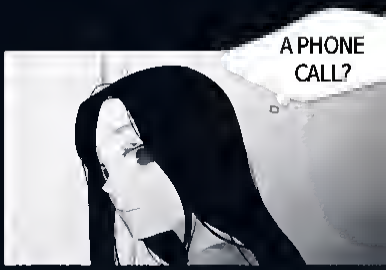


ONE OF THE DISHES IN THE CUPBOARD HAD FALLEN OUT AND BROKEN.

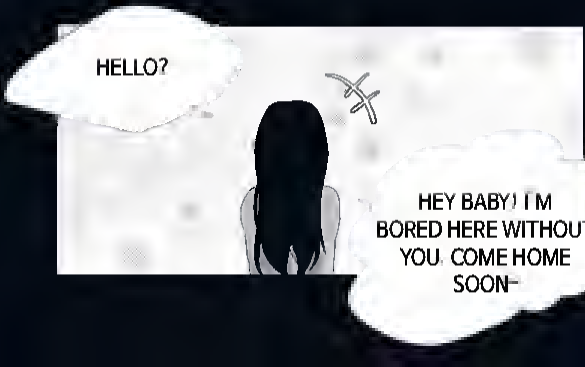
I GUESS THE DRYING RACK MUST'VE FALL APART OR SOMETHING.
I'LL CLEAN IT UP.
THANKS.

AFTER THAT..
WHIIISH
STRETCH
YAWN

...! IS HE TAKING A SHOWER?
HE'D PROBABLY BE SURPRISED IF I JUST BARGED IN.
HEHEHE
STOP
...HUH?!



AH RIGHT, TODAY'S A WEEKDAY ISN'T IT?



YEAH–
WHEN RE YOU GONNA BE HOME TODAY?
REALLY? WELL DON T EVER FLIRT WITH ANY ONE NOW THAT I M NOT AT THE OFFICE
COME ON~ HOW COULD I EVEN CHEAT ON YOU? I M JUST AT THE HOUSE BY MYSELF...
...HUH?

WHOOOSH-
HAHAHAHA-
IS EVERYTHING OKAY? YOU'RE NOT REALLY WITH ANOTHER GUY, ARE YOU?
THUMP

WHAT THE...?
THUMP
WHOOOSH
THUMP

THEN WHO THE HELL IS THAT IN THE BATHROOM? ! ! !

THUMP

SQUEEZE

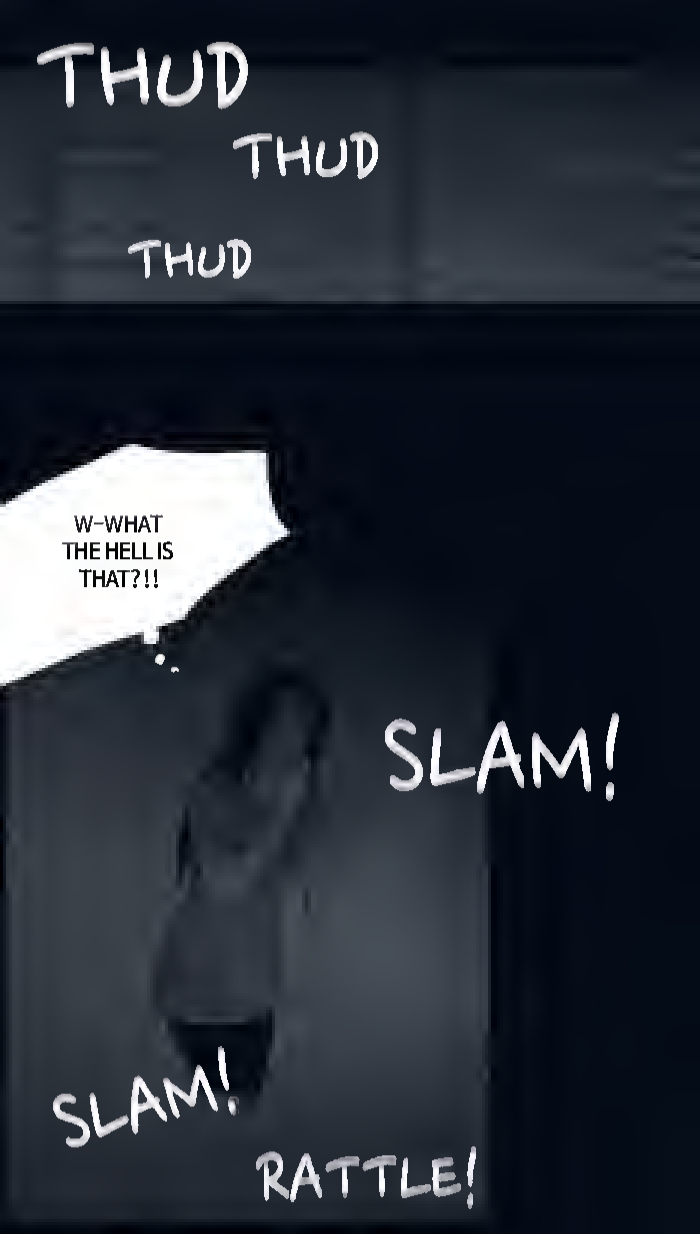
SWING!!
WHO'S IN THERE!!

WHOOOSH
HUH...
THERE'S NO ONE IN HERE...
SORRY. THE WATER WAS RUNNING IN THE SHOWER
SO I THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS IN HERE. BUT THERE'S NO ONE

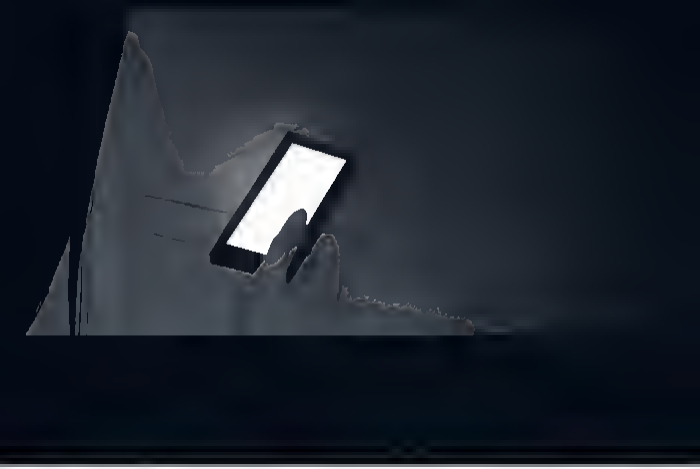
DID YOU FORGET TO TURN OFF THE WATER THIS MORNING?
WHOOSH
THIS´LL DRIVE THE HYDRO BILL UP LIKE CRAZY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I SLEPT IN TODAY WITH YOU AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST.

SLAM!

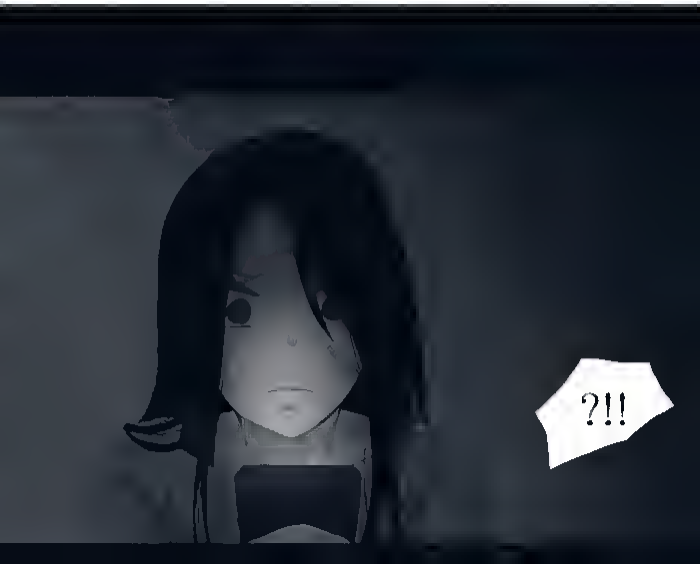
IS THE SHOWER BROKEN?
!!
DRIP-
HOW DID IT TURN OFF BY ITSELF...?
MAYBE IT IS BROKEN...


THUD
THUD
THUD
W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!!
SLAM!
SLAM!
RATTLE!

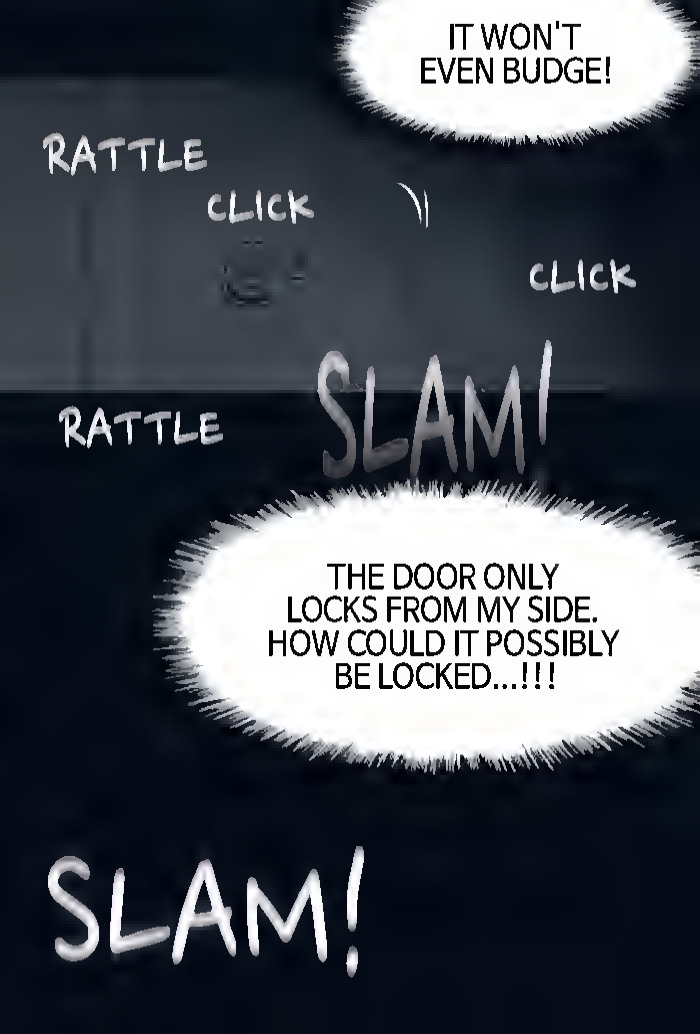
THUD
THUD
THUD
YEONGMIN-
THIS HOUSE IS WEIRD.
IT FEELS LIKE
THERE'S SOMEONE
IN HERE. COULD IT
BE A BURGLAR?
SLAM
I NEED TO
GET THE HELL OUT-
THIS PLACE IS
FREAKING ME OUT!!
HELLO?
WHY AREN'T
YOU SAYING
ANYTH-..



OUT OF AREA



I'VE GOTTA GET OUTSIDE...!
CLICK
...?!
WHY WON'T IT OPEN?


IT WON'T EVEN BUDGE!
RATTLE
CLICK
CLICK
RATTLE
SLAM!
THE DOOR ONLY LOCKS FROM MY SIDE. HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY BE LOCKED...!!!
SLAM!

SLAM!
SLAM!
SOMEONE PLEASE MAKE THIS STOP!!
SLAM!

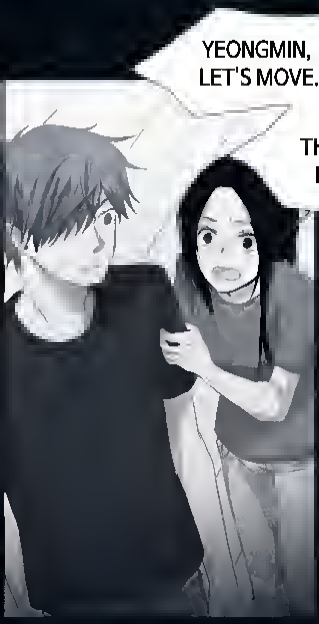
cREEEAAk
!!

...ARE YOU OKAY?
I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WRONG SO I CAME HOME RIGHT AWAY.
WHAT RE YOU DOING IN THE BATHROOM? I THOUGHT YOU HAD GONE OUT SOMEWHERE

THE SOUND STOPPED..
IT'S QUIET...
WHAT IS IT?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
SQUEEZE
TAP TAP
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END OF IT...

BUT SOMETIMES I WOULD STILL HEAR THE SOUND OF SOMETHING METALLIC RAMMING THE DOOR.

I FEEL LIKE I'M LOSING MY MIND.



WHY?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

STRANGE THINGS KEEP HAPPENING HERE.
SOMETIMES I HEAR SOMEONE HAMMERING NAILS INTO THE WALL. PLUS THE TV AND THE LIGHTS JUST TURN OFF AND ON BY THEMSELVES.
AND I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME.

LIKE THERE'S
SOMEONE ELSE HERE
WITH US.

...IT S ALRIGHT.
YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST BEING OVERLY SENSITIVE.
I'M RIGHT HERE. DON'T WORRY.

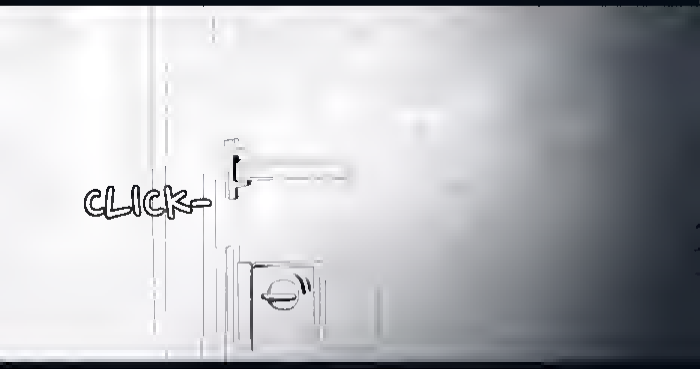
NG DONG
...WHO'S THAT?
WHO COULD IT POSSIBLY BE?
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYONE AROUND HERE.

THEY'VE PROBABLY JUST GOT THE WRONG PLACE. JUST IGNORE IT.
NO, SOMETHING FEELS REALLY WRONG.
I'LL CHECK ON THE INTERCOM.
SQUEEZE
DON'T GO.

IF YOU LEAVE,
I'LL DIVORCE YOU.

WHY'RE YOU BEING SO EXTREME ABOUT THIS?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT SO EASILY?!
I SAID I WAS JUST GONNA CHECK!!
DROP!

...!?
WHA...
MOM?!



I HADN T TOLD ANY ONE MY ADDRESS SO HOW D SHE FIND THE PLACE?!

H-HOW...
THE DOOR WAS LOCKED...
SLAP!!
DON'T YOU GET IT YET?! SNAP OUT OF IT ALREADY!!

DOES IT LOOK LIKE THERE'S ANYONE BEHIND YOU?! THERE'S NO ONE THERE!!
WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THERE'S SOMEONE THERE?!
THIS IS ALL JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, YOU IDIOT!!

...WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT.
LOOK.

HE'S RIGHT THERE.
THERE..

THEY SAID IT WAS A KIND
OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDER.

THE MAN I BELIEVED I HAD MARRIED WAS ACTUALLY A COLLEAGUE OF MINE, BUT WE HAD NEVER BEEN MARRIED, AND HE WAS ALREADY MARRIED TO ANOTHER WOMAN.

THE DOCTOR TOLD ME THAT THIS WHOLE DELUSION WAS CAUSED BY UNFULFILLED DESIRE TO BE WITH HIM.

AND HE SAID THAT THE STRANGE SOUNDS I HAD BEEN HEARING APPEARED AS MY DELUSION SLOWLY STARTED FALLING APART.

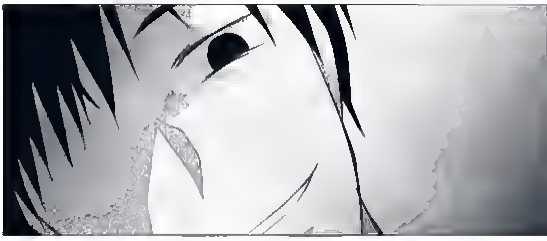
A FEW YEARS LATER... AFTER GETTING TREATMENT AT A MENTAL HOSPITAL, I FOUND ANOTHER JOB.

SOMETIMES I STILL GET CHOKED UP WHEN I THINK OF ALL THE MEMORIES WE HAD IN MY FANTASY WORLD, BUT I'M OKAY NOW.

SINCE I MET A MAN WHO LOVES ME FOR WHO I AM.

BUT LATELY-

SLAM!



I'VE STARTED HEARING
THOSE STRANGE SOUNDS AGAIN.

SLAM